

Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes
City of Mount Vernon
November 19, 2019 - City Hall

The Mount Vernon Parks and Recreation Board met on November 19, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. with the following members present: Roman Meyers, Sandra Fleckenstein, Catherine Poduska and Loren Hoffman. Absent: Rory Wiebel. Also in attendance: Parks and Recreation Director, Matt Siders and Pool Manager, Katey Forest.

1. Approval of the Agenda. Motion made by Meyers, seconded by Fleckenstein to approve agenda. Wiebel absent. Motion carried.
2. Approval of the Minutes from October 15, 2019. Motion made by Fleckenstein, seconded by Meyers to approve minutes. Wiebel absent. Motion carried.
3. Open Forum: Each citizen is limited to 5 minutes.
4. Directors Report - October 15, 2019 to November 15, 2019. All park facilities have been winterized. Siders has been discussing CIP projects with Council. Parks and Rec partnered with Zoe's Pet Deli for the "Howl-O-Ween" promotion, with 15 entries. Girls basketball is in full swing and boys basketball and youth wrestling registration will begin tomorrow. Magical night is December 5th. Siders will do cookie decorating again with 800 cookies. There will be tractor drawn carriages this year instead of horse drawn carriages and also a trackless train. Siders has three eagle scout projects in the works right now.

Wiebel arrives at 5:45 p.m.

5. Discussion regarding 2019 Pool Report. Katey Forest gave board members with 2019 pool report. Opening day was Saturday, May 25, 2019 with the same hours as last year. There was an extra session added to swimming lessons this year. The pool was only closed two full days due to weather and the early closings were due to low attendance. There were five part-time lifeguards, 16 full-time guards and 20 pool house workers. The daily admission was raised to \$5.00, lap swim was raised to \$3.50 and passes were all increased by \$5.00. Lesson prices stayed the same except private lessons which were raised by \$5.00 and the number of lessons given went up from last year. Concession sales coincided with attendance each month.
6. Discussion and possible action regarding Capital Projects. Siders gave an update on current and upcoming capital projects.

7. Discussion regarding update on Wellness Center. Siders gave an update on the progress of the wellness center construction. December 23rd is the tentative date for the City receiving the keys and possible opening date in mid January to early February. There is no grand opening date scheduled yet. There will be membership drives on December 11 and 14th. The City has purchased the domain for the wellness center website. The web address will be www.thelbc.com. There will be an ad in the paper next week regarding the membership drives. Next month siders would like to tour the facility before the regular board meeting.
8. Discussion on moving future Park and Rec Board meetings to different dates. Parks and Recreation board meetings have typically been the third Tuesday of the month but sometimes that falls after the second Council meeting of the month. This sometimes makes it difficult if there is anything that needs Council action. Siders is asking to consider the second Tuesday of each month. This request would need to be taken to Council for approval and require a Code of Ordinances change. The consensus was to take this to City Council for consideration.
9. Subcommittee reports (Parks, Capital, Pool, Programming, and Volunteer).
10. Old Business.
11. New Business. The first Chalk the Walk meeting was last week.

Meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m., November 19, 2019

Respectfully submitted
Marsha Dewell, Deputy Clerk